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Bangor Man Pleads Guilty to Federal Drug Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Manuel Horta**, 29, of Bangor, Maine, pled guilty on October 10, 2007, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine, to distribution of cocaine and cocaine base. Horta faces a mandatory minimum five year term of imprisonment and up to 40 years, as well as a fine of up to \$2,000,000, or both.

Court records reveal that in August 2006, through undercover police work conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Horta sold 14.2 grams of powder cocaine and 13 grams of cocaine base.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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